**Brain Vocabulary**

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| **Term** | **Definition** | **Drawing/ Example** |
| Central Nervous System | Brain and spinal cord |  |
| cerebrum | the front part of the brain believed to be responsible for thought  (also called human brain) |  |
| cerebellum | the back part of the brain that controls balance and the use of muscles  (also called mammalian brain) |  |
| Brain stem | the part of the brain responsible for basic life functions  (also called lizard brain) |  |
| neuron | Specialized cell that receives and sends messages to other cells |  |
| Glial | Support cells for the neural network |  |
| stimulus | something that causes a change or a reaction |  |
| response | A reaction to a stimulus |  |
| Neurotransmitter | Substance in the body that carries a signal from one nerve cell to another |  |
| Inhibitor | an agent that slows or interferes with a chemical reaction |  |
| excitor | An agent leading to increased action of the part that it supplies |  |